

ESIP Partner Recognition Initiative
September 22, 2011

At the strategic meeting held in Tucson in July 2011, an effort to recognize outstanding ESIP partners was initiated. The goal is to recognize exceptional work and efforts by individuals and organizations and to give partners additional motivation to be active in the Federation.

Current Awards

Currently, there are two awards, both recognizing individual achievement:

1) Charles S. Falkenberg Award – established in 2002, this award is given annually to an individual “scientist under 45 years of age who has contributed to the quality of life, economic opportunities, and stewardship of the planet through the use of Earth science information and to the public awareness of the importance of understanding our planet.” Although not restricted to members of ESIP, our members are strongly encouraged to nominate their young peers and our partners have made up the majority of recipients. The awardee receives a desktop globe award and an honorarium of \$1500.

2) Martha Maiden Lifetime Achievement Award for Service to the Earth Science Information Community – established in 2009, this award is given annually to honor individuals who have demonstrated leadership, dedication and a collaborative spirit in advancing the field of Earth Science information.

Awards Definitions

1) Nominating Committee - the committee responsible for reviewing the nomination packages and recommending the winner.

2) Awards Chair – individual who will present the award during the meeting: in the case that a designated Awards Chair cannot attend the meeting the President will give the award(s).

Proposed New Awards

1) President's Award - this award is proposed to honor an individual who has made the most significant contribution to the Federation in the previous year. This award will be given annually at the ESIP Winter Meeting. The awardee receives a plaque.

Nominating process

- Your name, title, organization, telephone number, and email.
- Full name of the nominee, present position, organization or affiliation, telephone number, and email.
- A 500-word, clear, concise, and complete description of the achievement to be recognized and statement of how the efforts of the individual or organization meet the award criteria.
- Electronic transmission of the nomination and supporting materials to be received by the nomination deadline.

Nomination deadline – November 1

Who can nominate? – Any person who is a member in good standing of an active ESIP.

Nominating Committee – ExCom

Awards Chair – ESIP President

The Nominating Committee may choose to not give an award in any particular year. All awardees must be approved by ExCom.

2) ESIP of the Year Partner Award – this award is proposed to honor an ESIP partner organization that best exemplifies the Spirit of ESIP in one or more areas. This award will be given annually at the Winter Meeting. The member organization will receive a plaque.

Nominating process

- Your name, title, organization, telephone number, and email.
- Full name of the nominee, present position, organization or affiliation, telephone number, and email.
- A 500-word, clear, concise, and complete description of the achievement to be recognized and statement of how the efforts of the individual or organization meet the award criteria.
- Electronic transmission of the nomination and supporting materials to the Awards Chair received by the nomination deadline.

Nomination deadline – November 1

Who can nominate? – any person who is a member in good standing of an active ESIP. Partners can self-nominate on behalf of their organization.

Nominating Committee – ParCom

Awards Chair – ParCom Chair

The Nominating Committee may choose to not give an award in any particular year. All awardees must be approved by ExCom.

The “Friends of ESIP” award was discussed as a way to recognize those parties who contribute substantially to ESIP but would not qualify for or maybe not be interested in becoming a Type 4 ESIP. (vendors, family foundations, other philanthropic groups, etc).

3) Friends of ESIP Award – awarded to individuals, foundations, corporations, or others making major contributions to ESIP. Recipients do not have to be ESIP members, and “contributions” extend beyond monetary donations. This award can be given annually but likely will be rare (if we want to promote it as a reward for big donations). Awardees will receive a plaque.

Nominating process –

- Case-by-base basis.

Nominating Committee – FiCom

Awards Chair – ESIP President and anyone else designated by the President to participate in the presentation.